SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 536

WHEREAS, Mark Garcia has served the Texas Legislature as Senate auditor for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia is a graduate of Concordia University Texas, where he played baseball as a left-handed pitcher and designated hitter; during his collegiate baseball career, he set 2 school records and hit more than 20 home runs, all while earning his bachelor's degree in accounting; he began his professional career with the State Auditor's Office, where he conducted financial and performance reviews of agencies, schools, and universities; after six years, he accepted a position with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; his responsibilities included teaching others the state accounting system and assisting with the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report during busy seasons; and

WHEREAS, In January 2000, Mr. Garcia was hired as Senate auditor; he has demonstrated exceptional skill, diligence, and dedication while budgeting for Senate offices; moreover, his kindness and sense of humor have brightened the days for his colleagues and have brought him many friendships in the Capitol community; since 2004, he has played in the Senate Christmas band, the Gaveltones, and in 2024, his daughter, Brianna, shared the stage at the holiday party; he also helps make chili to fund this annual event; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia has further benefited his fellow citizens by participating numerous times in the Texas MS 150 bicycle fundraiser for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, riding with the General Land Office's team; in all his endeavors, he is supported by the love and encouragement of his wife,

Marlina, and he takes great pride in his two children, Brianna and Alex, and his two stepchildren, Aidan and William; and

WHEREAS, Through his professionalism, expertise, and commitment to excellence, Mark Garcia has made significant contributions to the Texas Senate, and he is truly deserving of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby honor Mark Garcia for his 25 years of service as Texas Senate auditor and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Garcia as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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Patrick, President of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 19, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate